

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

We claim:

1. (Currently amended) A product comprising an applicator, other than a porous or absorbent sheet, where to a wax phase has been applied, wherein the wax phase is a composition comprising at least a one wax component selected from the group consisting of dialkyl(ene) ethers, dialkyl(ene) carbonates, dicarboxylic acids, ~~or~~ hydroxyl fatty alcohols ~~or~~ and mixtures thereof.
2. (original) A product according to claim 1 wherein the melting point or melting range of the wax phase is above or equal to 25°C.
3. (original) A product according to claim 2 wherein the melting point or melting range of the wax phase is in the range of 32 to 40°C.
4. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 3 wherein the wax phase comprises mono-, di- or triglycerides.
5. (original) A product according to claim 4 wherein the wax phase comprises mono-, di-, or triglycerides derived from or present in natural oils.
6. (original) A product according to claim 4 wherein the wax phase comprises fatty acid mono-, di- or triglycerides wherein the fatty acids contain from 12 to 24, preferably from 16 to 20 carbon atoms.
7. (original) A product according to claim 4 wherein the wax phase comprises triglycerides selected from glyceryl stearate, glyceryl oleate, glyceryl laurate, glyceryl myristate, cocoglycerides, or hydrogenated palm oil glycerides, hydrogenated castor oil, or hydrogenated rapeseed oil.

8. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of~~ claims 4 ~~to 7~~ wherein the wax phase comprises mono, di- or triglycerides in an amount of at least 50 %, preferably at least 70 %, more preferably at least 90 %, w/w of the total amount of components making up the lipid phase.

9. (original) A product according to claim 8 wherein the wax phase contains C₁₂-C₅₀-fatty alcohols.

10. (original) A product according to claim 9 wherein the fatty alcohols are selected from myristyl alcohol, 1-pentadecanol, cetyl alcohol, lauryl alcohol, oleyl alcohol, palmityl alcohol, 1-heptadecanol, stearyl alcohol, cetearyl alcohol, 1-nonadecanol, arachidyl alcohol, 1-heneicosanol, behenyl alcohol, brassidyl alcohol, lignoceryl alcohol, ceryl alcohol or myricyl alcohol and C₁₆/C₁₈-Guerbet alcohols.

11. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of~~ claims 9 ~~to 10~~ wherein the fatty alcohols are present in the wax phase, in an amount relative to the total weight amount of the wax phase, which is in the range of 1 - 40 %, ~~preferably 1—30 % (w/w), more preferably of 1—20 % (w/w), still more preferably from 1—10 % (w/w).~~

12. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~ wherein the wax phase contains fatty acids.

13. (Currently amended) A product according to claim 12 wherein the fatty acids are C₁₄-C₄₀-fatty acids ~~or in particular are C₁₆-C₃₀-fatty acids.~~

14. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of~~ claims 11 ~~to 13~~ wherein the total amount of the fatty acids present in the wax phase, relative to the total weight amount of the wax phase,

is in the range of 1 - 30 % (w/w), ~~preferably of 1 - 20 % (w/w), more preferably from 1 - 10 % (w/w).~~

15. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the wax phase contains one or more of components (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) as defined hereafter:

- (a) at least 1 - 50 % (w/w), ~~in particular at least 1 - 10 %~~ of an oily or waxy component
- (b) 0.1 - 5 % (w/w) of at least one active ingredient
- (c) 1 - 10 % (w/w) of at least one oil
- (d) 0.1 - 10 % (w/w) of at least one emulsifier
- (e) 5 - 90 % (w/w) of further waxy components
- (f) 0 - 5 % (w/w) water.

16. (original) A product according to claim 15 wherein the wax phase contains all components (a)-(f).

17. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of claims 1 to 16~~ wherein the wax or phase contains one or more active substances.

18. (original) A product according to claim 17 wherein the active substance(s) is or are anti-microbials, e.g. anti-bacterials and antifungals, anti-inflammatory agents, anti-irritating, anti-itching, anti-perspirant agents.

19. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of claims 1 to 16~~ wherein the wax phase contains at least one moisturizer, deodorant, skin caring ingredient, plant extract, vitamin, perfume oil, dye, sunscreen filter, hydrotrope or self-tanning agent.

20. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of claims 1 to 16~~, wherein the wax phase contains at least one emulsifier, superfatting agent, thickener, cationic polymer, anionic polymer,

zwitterionic polymer, amphoteric polymer, consistency agent, anti-oxidant, an insect repellent, a sunscreen filter, a powder or a peeling agent.

21. (Currently amended) A product according to ~~any of claims 1 to 20~~ which is a puff (pouf), pad, sponge, cotton ball, swab, brush, glove, mitt or bar.

22. (Currently amended) A product according to claim 21 wherein the puff or pad, a sponge or a bar is wrapped in a layered material.

23. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a product as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 22~~ said method comprising contacting the applicator with a wax phase.

24. (original) A method according to claim 23 wherein the wax phase is applied by spraying, contacting, printing or a direct contact process where there is a direct contact between the sheet and an application head having slit nozzles.

25. (canceled)

26. (new) A method of cleansing skin and/or hair comprising contacting human skin or hair with a product of claim 1 to cleanse the skin or hair and deliver an active substance thereto.